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Honorable Maurice H. Stans
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stans:

I have your letter of 5 December 1958, requesting the views of this Agency on the Atomic Energy Commission's draft Omnibus Bill for 1959.

Section 2 of the proposed bill would amend Section 145 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to permit the Atomic Energy Commission to grant access to Restricted Data to individuals who possess a security clearance granted by another Government agency. The proposed authority would be contained in a new subsection 145c of the Atomic Energy Act.

To a great extent clearances under the new subsection 145c, if it is enacted, will gradually supplant those now granted under subsection 145b. For this reason, the provision in Section 143 of the Act, for exchange of Restricted Data between Department of Defense personnel and certain persons holding clearances under subsection 145b, should be expanded to include persons cleared under the new subsection 145c. This action would be in line with the 1956 amendment to Section 143. We have discussed this suggestion with appropriate officials of the Atomic Energy Commission and they are in accord with it.

We are also assured by the Atomic Energy Commission that Restricted Data clearances granted under the new authority will be in all respects the equivalent of full "C" Clearances, as now granted under Section 145b. This, too, will facilitate normal interagency exchange of Restricted Data in the future. Keeping the above points in mind, I believe Section 2 of the proposed bill will be helpful to this Agency.

Section 4 of the draft bill would provide the Atomic Energy Commission personnel assigned to posts abroad benefits and allowances similar to those provided by title IX of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, including home leave. Under present legislation this Agency has available to it most of these same benefits and allowances except for the home leave provisions. For some years the Agency has sought legislation to make available to its overseas employees home leave authorities similar to that presently being requested by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Overseas Employees Fringe Benefits Act, H. R. 3527, failed of passage during the last Congress. We, like the Atomic Energy Commission, believed the passage of such bill would adequately serve the needs of our agencies and Government employees generally.

I have no comment on the other sections of the draft bill.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: Atomic Energy Commission

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to the Bureau of the Budget commenting on amendments to the Atomic Energy Act. Basically this legislation would permit a granting of "Q" clearances by the Commission without further investigation upon review of files of investigations conducted by other agencies. This has been discussed fully with legal and security officers of AEC and they agree with the one suggested change included.

Recommend signature.

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